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In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2005, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: